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SUBJECT PRG LETTER TO ICCS ON DECEMBER 15 HELICOPTER INCIDENT

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A DECEMBER 20 LETTER ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR SADRI AS CHAIRMAN OF ICCS FROM VO DONG GIANG, DEP CHIEF PRG/SVN MILITARY DELEGATION TO THE CTJMC CONCERNING DECEMBER 15 HELICOPTER INCIDENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

1. IN RECENT DAYS, THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAVE MADE A NOISY BOMBAST ABOUT THE SO-CALLED "ATTACK ON THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM'S AIRCRAFT" IN THE MORNING
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OF DECEMBER 15 1973 AT BINH CHANH DISTRICT, CIA DINH PROVINCE,

OPENLY DISTORTING THE TRUTH.

2. THE PRG RSVN MILITARY DELEGATION TO THE CENTRAL TWO-PARTY JMC FINDS IT NECESSARY TO EXPRESS IN THIS CONNECTION ITS VIEWPOINT AS FOLLOWS:

1/- SO FAR, IN THE FOUR PARTY JMT THERE HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT ON THE DESIGNATION OF ANY JMT GROUP TO GO ON MISSION IN SOUTH VIETNAM, DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE US AND THE RVN SIDES INSISTED ON REFUSING THE SERIOUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS PUT FORTH BY THE PRG RSVN SIDE AND THE DRVN SIDE TO THE FOUR PARTY JMT THUS DRIVING THE TEAM'S OPERATION INTO A TOTAL DEADLOCK.

2/- NOW, AS IN THE PAST AND ON DEC 15 1973 NOT ANY AIR-CRAFT OF THE FPJMT WAS SENT OUT ON MISSION ANYWHERE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE US AND RVN ALLEGATION THAT THE FPJMT'S AIRCRAFT THEY USED WERE ATTACKED IS BUT AN ADMISSION THAT THEY HAVE CONTINUED MISUSING THE ASSETS AND MARKINGS OF THE JMC FOR PRIVATE ACTIONS OF ILL PURPOSES AS THEY DID BEFORE. UP TO NOW THE PRG RSVN MILITARY DELEGATION HAS MORE THAN ONCE DENCOUNCED THOSE ACTIONS OF THE US AND THE RVN. (REF NOTES NO: 43/LHQSTU OF FEB 13 1973 AND 223/ LHQSTU OF MARCH 21 1973, OF THE PRG RSVN MILITARY DELEGATION TO THE CENTRAL FOUR-PARTY KMC). THE US AND THE RVN HAVE ALSO ABUSED AND MISUSED ASSETS AND MARKINGS OF THE COMMISSION FOR ILLEGAL PURPOSES. (REF OUR NOTES NO: 111/LHQSTU OF MAY 7 1973, NO:19/QT/LHQSTU OF JUNE 14 1973 NO: 280/LHQSTU OF JULY 19 1973 AND NO: 110/QT/LHQSTU OF NOV 15 1973).

3/- THERE EXIST TWO ADMINISTRATIONS, TWO ARMIES AND TWO AREAS OF CONTROL IN REALITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THEAREAS OF CONTROL OF THE TWO SIDES ARE IN VERY COMPLEX INTERWOVEN PATTERN AND AT THE SAME TIME THERE ARE PLACES THAT BOTH SIDES HOLD CONTROL.

IF THE UNITED STATES REALLY WANTED TO GO AND SEEK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE MISSING AND THE GRAVES OF THE DEAD. IT COULD NOT BUT REQUEST BOTH THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES TO CLEARLY DETERMINE IN WHOSE AREA OF CONTROL THE SITES OF SEARCH WERE. FAILING TO DO SO BUT UNILATERALLY GOING WITH THE RVN SIDE ON THE SEARCH, THE US AND THE RVN AS WELL HAVE NOT ONLY VIOLATED THE PRINCIPLE OF UNANIMITY IN CONFIDENTIAL

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CONSULTATION AND WORK IN THE JOINT MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS, BUT ALSO ATTEMPTED TO CARRY OUT THE DESIGN OF NEGATING THE PRG RSVN CONTROLLED AREA. THAT WAS AN ILLEGAL ACTION, IN VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM, WHICH HAS BEEN PROTESTED AGAINST FOR MANY TIMES BY THE PRG RSVN MILITARY DELEGATION TO THE FOUR PARTY JMT AT ITS SESSIONS MOST RECENT WAS AT THE SESSION OF DEC 13 1973. THE US AND THE RVN MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL CONSEQUENCES ARISING FROM ITS ILLEGAL

ACTION.

4/- THE FACT THAT THE US AND THE RVN ARE MAKING A NOISY BOMBAST ABOUT THE SO-CALLED ATTACK ON THE FOUR PARTY JMT'S AIRCRAFT BRAZENLY SLANDERING THE PRG RSVN, IS ALSO A MAN-EUVER AIMED AT SIDE-TRACKING PUBLIC OPINION FROM THEIR ACTS AND SCHEME OF ESCALATING EVER MORE SERIOUS SABOTAGE OF THE CEASE FIRE AND THE AGREEMENT.

5/- UPON THE CLEAR ADMISSION OF THE US AND THE RVN OF THEIR VIOLATION OF WORKING PROCEDURES IN THE JOINT MILITARY ORGANIZATION AND OF THE AGREEMENT, THE PRG RESVN THE TWO PARTY JMC RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE ICCS TO DRAW APPROPRIATE CONCLUSIONS CONTRIBUTORY TO AVERTING SIMILAR OCCURENCES OF WRONG DOINGS.

WITH HIGHEST CONSIDERATION TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, WE REMAIN.
FOR CHIEF OF PRG RSVN MILITARY
DELEGATION TO CENTRAL TWO-PARTY JMC

VO DONG GIANG
DEPUTY CHIEF
END TEXT

3. COMMENT: AT DECEMBER 28 PLENARY POLDEL REFUSED TO CONSIDER THE AGENDA ITEM OF USDEL FPJMT'S LETTER TO ICCS CONCERNING DECEMBER 15 HELICOPTER INCIDENT STATING THAT THE LETTER WAS UNACCEPTABLE DUE TO THE WORDING WHICH ACCUSES "A COMMUNIST FORCE" OF THE ACTION. POLDEL REQUESTED THAT CONSIDERATION OF THE LETTER BY THE COMMISSION BE FROPPED. A COM-PROMISE WAS REACHED WITH ISSUE BEING REFERRED TO THE POL-ITICAL COMMITTEE.
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